matter is pending for decision in the court.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of Houses by DDA

3130. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was the construction of about one lakh dwelling units per year by the DDA was announced;

(b) the actual accomplishment since the announcement was made year-wise, up-to-date;

(c) the annual target fixed for setting the residents of Jhuggi-Jhonpri colonies in transit camps, the yearly progress and actual accomplishment made in this regard so far; and

(d) how many units already under construction at the time of the announcement have been completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Lt. Governor, Delhi, while addressing a press conference in January, 1985 mentioned about the programme of the DDA to construct about one lakh houses in the year 1985-86 in an attempt to liquidate the arrears in its various housing schemes

(b) 16519 houses were constructed by the DDA during 1985-86 and 8828 in 1986-87.

(c) No annual target had been announced for settling of J. J. residents in the Transit caps. In all, DDA had completed or nearly completed 5980 units of Transit caps accommodation. The construction of such Transit camps has since been discontinued. During the year 1986-87, 3435 plots of and 12.5 sq. mtrs. size have also demarcated for jhuggi dwellers.

651 dwelling units were at ages of construction at the time of the announcement, out of which 25347 have been completed so far. 76,385 houses were in progress as on 1st April, 1987.

Allotment of Type I Quarters

3131. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which Type I quarters have been allotted since January, 1986 till date to such wards of the retired persons who were not getting the House Rent Allowance (H.R.A.) deduction from their pay and also did not fulfil the required conditions under the rules;

(b) the cases in which the quarters have not been allotted to genuine persons who were fulfilling all the conditions during the said period;

(c) whether notices have been issued for vacation of the quarters to the genuine persons whose claims for allotment of quarters have been rejected; if so, in how many cases and what are the reasons therefore and

(d) whether quarters have been allotted during 1987 to the daughters-in-law of the retired persons whose son is not working anywhere; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Three cases have been sanctioned on compassionate grounds with the approval of competent authority.

(b) and (c) No such case is pending.

(d) In one case, type-A quarter has been sanctioned by competent authority on compassionate/*ad-hoc* grounds as a very special case.

Mica Industry

3132. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for mica has come down resulting in a downward trend in Market price;

(b) the present number of mica mines in Andhra Pradesh and the number of workers employed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Vice President of the South India Mica Miners Association suggested some measures for the revival of the industry in Andhra Pradesh to the Chief Mining Geologist of the Indian Bureau of Mines; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the suggestions and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) While the demand for processed mica has remained stagnant there has been no downward trend in the export prices of mica, except in the case of non-moving items like green mica of Andhra Pradesh origin.

(b) The number of mica mines in Andhra Pradesh is 153 and the average daily employment of workers in 1984 was 918.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The suggestions submitted by the South India Mica Mine Owner Association and Mica Chamber of Commerce, Gudur to the Chief Mining Geologist of the Indian Bureau of Mines relate to:

(i) Abolition of export duty on mica;

(ii) Fair Prices and Marketing problems for mica;

(iii) Financial assistance for mica mining and to declare mica mining as a sick industry; and

(iv) Difficulties of mining of phlogepite mica;

Details of action taken thereon are as under:—

(i) Export duty on mica splitting, block condenser films, and mica paper has been abolished with effect from 1st March, 1987;

(ii) Mica Trading Corporation of India is already paying fair prices for mica processed by it from weaker sections and small dealers.

(iii) As regards financial assistance, mica mining has already been included in the definition of 'industrial concern' under the respective statutes of financial institutions and as such there is no bar on the institutions providing financial assisance for mica mining.

(iv) Geological Survey of India have been making investigations for location of new mica bearing pegmatites.

Welfare Schemes for Disabled Children

3133. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes introduced for the welfare of the disabled children during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce any more schemes during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any such centrally sponsored schemes has been introduced in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) A statement regarding scheme in operation is laid on the Table of the House as Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.